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ECIFICATIONS ARTISTIC MANNER. Post's Fine Guitar.

As will be seen in the report of votes thus far sent in, given in this issue, in the contest for the fine guitar offered by the Post to the most popular lady in Wise, Lee or Scott, or Letcher county. Ky., there is another candidate in the field in the personage of Miss Carrie Flannery, of Wise C. H. Miss Flannery is a daughter of Hon C. F. Flannary, and is very popular.

The Danville Evening Star.

One of the newsiest and neatest six-column dailies that now reaches the Posr's exchange table is the Danville (Va.) Evening Star, which made its first appearance on the 26th inst., with J. O. Roy as editor and proprietor and S. F. Gilliland business manager. It is handsomely gotten up, neatly printed and the matter it contains goes to show that it has ability behind it. May the star long live to throw its brilliant rays over the "land of the free and the home of the brave." as it were.

father and Son Skip Out With a Mother and Her Daughter.

the Appalachian furnace. With him Texas and Kentucky, the capital in daughter, perhaps eighteen years old, 666, or an increase of over \$20,000, happy as a covey of larks on a bright 1890, \$42,690,822, an increase of May morning till "the handsome features and graceful forms" (?) of peared to be a general four-handed, furnace pig iron is \$10.75." all-'round mash. Josh Bullitt, after wayward women to return.

The manufactures' Record of Baltimore, in the issue of January 6th, 1893, after an exhaustive review and careful investigation of Southern inancial affairs for 1892, says:

"There is usual activity in every line of industrial enterprise in the South, at the present time, and every indication points to a degree of activity during the coming year greater than has ever been known before.

"The past year has been a period of rigid economy in every line of business in the South, and more attention has been placed to the placing terance. of existing industries upon a firm and the year 1892 closes with a very satisfactory record of progress that has been made under trying circumstances and with brilliant prospects

\$300,000,000 and \$400,000,000." growth and prosperity of the South and tenpins for a week afterward, the AND ESTIMATES than in the development of the man- biggest thing of course, coming down nized little scream. ufacturing interests. Concerning soonest."

this has ever passed. A great many es our place." new mills have been built and put in operation in the South during the past year, and a large nuber of others are under construction and will be competed and put in operation during the present year."

In the whole Southern tier there were for the same dates 40,718 looms and 1,816,710 spindlers, as against 52,537 looms and 2,357,908 spindles at work on the first day of 1893, an increase of 11,819 looms and 1,440, 898 spindles.

The Textile Word, of Boston, recognized authority on cotton fabrics, in the January, 1893, number shows that out of 73 new mills started in the United States in 1892, 39 in the balance against Torquatus were in the South.

In the report of the Census Office, lately issued, on the Southern Iron and Steel Industry in 1880 and 1890, it is shown that in the States of Del-"Doe" Clendenen moved to Big eware, Maryland, Virginia, West Stone Gap some time ago and has Virginia, District of Columbia, been making a steady employee at North Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, he brought a woman who was sup- vested in these industries was, in 1880 posed to be his wife. She had one \$29,145,830, and in 1890, \$50,845, and a little girl, about three years | 000 in ten years. The value of the old. The family circle seemed as product in 1880 was \$25,353,251; in over \$17,000,000.

The report of U. S. Labor Com-Newt. Bentley and his son appeared missioner Carrol D. Wright (New on the scene. Then the trouble com- York Times, April 8, 1892) shows menced. The father and son at once that "the average cost of pig iron in made a huge mash on the mother and the northern part of the United daughter, while the two females States is for run of furnaces about proved to be pretty well up in the \$14 per ton 2,240 pounds, while in mashin' business. In fact, there ap- the South the average cost of run for

The Mercantile and Financial being corrected in regard to his idea Times, quoting from the report of of the meaning of the word emotion, U.S. Labor Commissioner Carroll D. by Capt. W. F. Gordon in his article Wright, Nov. 25, 1892, publishes a on Prose and Poetry, would possibly statement to the effect that from 1880 say there was a general all-'round to 1890 "the capital invested in the kinder working of the feelings of Southern States in woolen manufacthe tender sort." These "feelings of tures increased from \$4,000,000 to the tender sort" kept "a working" \$10,000,000. In 1880 the banking till the wholesale infatuation became capital of the South was \$92,000, so strong that prudence nor resistance | 000; in 1890 it was \$71,000,000 were go longer matters to be consid- while the total capital in manufacered, so last Wednesday the four, tures increased from \$179,000,000 in after the order of the wandering Arab, 1870 to \$551,000,000 in 1890." The silently folded their tents and skip- total indebtidness of the Southern ged out, taking with them the little States, including the county debts girl. Clendenen is after them for the and less the sinking fund, was, in purpose of recovering the little girl, 1880, \$215,712,241, while in 1890 it but will make no effort to induce the had been reduced to \$178,161,755 .-C. D. WRIGHT, in New York Times, April 8, 1892.

Explanation of a Shower of Live Animals

Everybody in the smoking com partment of the sleeper had told a story except one quiet, inoffensive man in the corner, and the drummer eyed him with suspition as he finish: ad what he considered a choker of the entire combination, says the Detroit

As the drummer concluded the quiet man polked his head cautiously out of his shell and coughed slightly, as men do who have lain dormant awhile and rouse themselves to ut-

"I remember," he said, without foundation than the projection of new further preliminary, "a queer circumndustries. The settlement of vexa- stance which happened to me during tions political issues, the greater a summer visit I made some years amount of cash which the present ago in Kansas. I am reminded of it cotton crop is yielding to the pro- by the story our friend here"-nodducers, and the greater abundance of ding toward the drummer-"tells of accepting the gentlemen who would money and more extended credit in the a shower of fish falling from the sky. South, and the activity and prosperi- I can readily believe his story"ty which mark every branch of indus- the drummer looked grateful-"and try in that section are the conditions I hope he will believe mine. One upon which the course of affairs in afternoon we were sitting out in front the South during the year 1893 will of my friend's house, some three or depend. With condtions as favor- four of us, noticing the peculiar shape, able as these are generally recognized color and movement of the clouds, to be, there can be no doubt of the when, all at once, as true as gospel, very promising prospects which lie gentlemen, an elephant, alive and before the South at this time. Every kicking, dropped right down in front condition needful for successful busi- of us out of the sky, and a more asness in the South exist at present, tonished looking brute I never saw."

The drummer sat spell-bound and yet be in time. everobody else choked up, speechless. his auditors.

one-half cents per pound on this sin- rule in Kansas, it doesn't rain ele- me herself. gle product of the South (Cotton) phants, it did on that occasion, and adds \$87,000,000 to its cash receipts is accounted for by the fact that a brook was there; but then, judging for this season, bringing the total of eyelone had struck a circus twenty from his appearance, he had only just the cotton crop for 1892 to between miles to the west of us, and further- arrived. Now was my time. more it was raining lions and tigers There can be no surer sign of and horses and hyenas and monkeys Fanny-"

Another Candidate in the Field for the the cotton spinning industries, the "My dear sir," gasped the drum- the basement hall? I am sure I heard Manufacturer's Record says: "The mer, as the quiet man was about to it. Kathleen has left the door un- Has Traveled from One End of the United mills have been running actively continue, "don't you say another bolted, and the house is full of robthrough the year and have earned word. I travel for a liquor house, bers and murderers! Oh, Mr. Thistlegood profits as a rule. In fact the and if you want a barrel of cocktails down, do-do run and see?" past year has been probably the most give me your address and I'll send it, "Don't be afraid, Fanny," said I prosperous period through which to you by the first cyclone that pass- catching up the guitar case valiantly,

Money vs. Love.

"I certainly will try the experiment," quoth I to myself.

And then I covertly looked in the glass, so as to better calculate my chances matrimonial.

vey. I am not a handsome man. But there's one advantage I possess that is worth all the beauty in creation. Torquatus Thistledown, Esquire, President of the Thittledown Petroleum Company, with the handsomest to freight it with a golden cargo! Youth-beauty-what do they weigh

Thistledown? And I patted my pocket with a chuckle that sounded like the chink of doubloons!

"I'll do it !" I exclaimed aloud. Bruce Hardenbrook glanced sleepily up from his armchair in the bay window and took a cigar out of his

"What's that you're going to do, Thistledown?" asked Bruce.

"To be married," I added slowly shouting at the top of my lungs; but and distinctly, "to Miss Fanny Gor-

quite aware that he was danlgling after pretty Fanny Gordon-as if a clientless youg lawyer had any right to aspire the hand of the loveliest girl

tledown?" he asked. "No-not exactly engaged-that is,

noon-an old friend of mine, Job Gordon. He'll refuse me nothing."

Bruce Hardenbrook made no reply. He resumed his newspaper and tried to look indifferent with remarkably

So I put on my hat and strolled down to honest Job Gordon's count-

"Thistledown, how d'ye do?" he cordially said. "What can I do for Torquotus Thistledown!" you to-day?"

"A great, deal Mr. Gordon," I responded. I am contemplating matthis moment to become Mrs. Torquatus Thistledown."

Mr. Gordon rung my hand heartily. "Torquatus," he ejaculated, breathlessly, "you're a trump. My daughter, Mrs. Petroleum Company-no, I don't mean that exactly-but-but I only hope you aren't too late,"

away from the bald spot on the crown | the President of the Thistledown Pe of my head.

Gordon, rumpling his hair about with my senses?" one hand in a distracted manner, "upon the self-same business, and-" "Not Bruce Hardenbrook?"

"Yes, Bruce Hardenbrook-the Another mystery, I presume." very person-and I told him to-I-I sent up a note to Fanny, desiring her to have no hesitation in promptly propose to her this afternoon.

"But," added the old gentleman, with a sudden inspiration, "I didn't face; "here we both are." mention any names, thank goodness, and I don't see, upon my word, why the note shouldn't answer for you just as well as for Bruce Hardenbrook, if you only get there a little to accept him promptly," faltered ahead of him."

As I hailed the nearest omnibus and leaped in the iron tongue of old Trinity tolled 6 in deep bas monosylables. Perhaps—perhaps I might Fanny was at home, for as I rang

The quiet man looked around on the bell I saw the flutter of her blue muslin dress from the French win-"It's as true as preaching, gentle- dows that opened upon the balcony-"The recent advance of two and men," he went on, "and though, as a and the next moment she admitted \$15.000 and it will be defrayed from

Just as I expected. Bruce Harden-

"I-I was thinking of asking you, But she jumped up with an ago-

"Hash! wasn't that a man's step in | Smith.

and making for the lower part of the house with that weapon of aggress ion. Come on Hardenbrook-we'll make 'em stir round pretty lively, or we'll know the reason why!"

Hardenbrook folowed, rather con trary to my expectations; I had half feared his remaing behind to com It wasn't a very satisfactory sur- fort the frightened dove in the blue muslin feathers.

"You look in the kitchen Thistledown, and I'll examine the cellar," h said, and I promptly obeyed. I looked under the dresses, behind the tables even beneath the great brass kettle vatch in the bay, and money enough in the corner, but there was no bur

> "It must have been the cat. Har denbrook," bawled I, "for-The duce! how came this door shut?"

I gave the handle of the door an energetic turn—it was fast locked.

I gnashed my teeth and upset whole colony of frying pans in de-Burglars, indeed-a pretty story

Gracious! how hot it is, and a fellow can't move his head without bringing down a lot of tin things. I sprang up and rattled the door

all to no avail. I kicked at the walls -I beat a tattoo on the brass kettle Bruce started. All the world was with the guitar case. Vain efforts. and during the day his favorite pas- transmitter and ordinary lead pencil So the time crept away, every mo-

ment seeming like an honr, and I heard the sharp little kitchen clock strike 8, 9 and 10, with a keen sensaition of despair at every time "Are you engaged to her, Mr. This- | Should I never escape? Was I doomed to be roasted alive?

At length the monotony of science clerks. not as yet; but I mean to be. I shall was relieved by the sound of footconsult Mr. Gordon this very after- steps coming down the narrow stairs, and Job Gordon's voice exclaimed:

> "Mary-Hannah-Kathleen-where the mischief are you all? What, s the kitchen door locked for? I'll discharge ever skin of you, or-Hallo! -thieves!-murder!-police!" And honest Job fired his revoler

a heavy chair after it. "Gordon! Stop-hold on-it's I-

"Thistledown in my kitchen! don't believe a word of it!"

"But it is and I'm nearly dead rimony; and-I would like the weight | Stop your bawling and listen to rea of your influence with your daughter son," I said, rather vindictively, for Fanny. I adore Fanny, sir-I wor- the slender thread of my patience was ship her-and I don't mind telling rapidly diminishing down to nothing you that it is within her option at at all. "Let me out where there's a breath of fresh air, and I'll explain

> The astonished old gentleman led me upstairs into the gas-lighted hall, marveling much at the wilted appearance that I presented.

"Now, then, you will be good enough to tell me what all this i "Too late," I gasped, making a about. I came home at 10 o'clock clutch at my yellow silk pocket and find my house open and empty. handkerchief and wiping the drops I go down into my kitchen and find "There was a young fellow here the pots and pans! Am I asleep and this very morning," went on Mr. dreaming? or have I been bereft of

"First," I interrupted, "where are Hardenbrook and Fanny?"

"Where? How should I know

"No mystery at all sir," said gave him my sanction, and I've just | well-known voice, as Bruce Hardenbrook came quietly up the front steps and into the hall, with Fanny leaning on his arm, the pomegranate cheeks a shade redder than ever, and the bright hair glistening around her

"And where have you been?" "Married!" "Married?" echoed Mr. Gordon.

"You told me in your note, papa Fanny .- [New York News.

The Smith Family to Erect a Monument to an Historic Event.

tract to modle a bronze group of figures representing the hisroric Virginia scene wherein the Indian maiden Pocahontas saved the life of Captain John Smith. The expense will be a fund raised by contributions solely from the Smith family in Virginia and Nebraska. A descendant of the original John Smith has been the promoter of this uniqe artistic enterprise. Some time since he asked for designs from the leading sculptors of phonograph, and which may prove to the United States, and that of the San Francisco artist has just been accepted. It is only a coincidence that the sculptor's name is Schmid or to inspect the invention, at he says, "in all respects direct and

OWNEY, THE FAMOUS TRAMP DOG.

States to the Other. [From the Cincinnati Enquirer.]

Owney, the great American tramp dog, arrived in Cincinnati a few days igo over the Big Four from Cleve and, Buffalo and New York.

He came through in a mail car and as soon as the train stopped Owney made for a mail wagon and rode to the Post-office. He walked into the clerk's room and afterward paid his respect to Superintendent Davis. During the afternoon Owney called on the Enquirer and had his picture

Owney is not a handsome dog, by any means. His color is a mixture of shaggy gray, yellow and black. He is stone-blind in one eye, but the other is as bright as a "golden guinea," and shows intelligence o the highest order. Owney's pedigree is unknown, but that doesn't matter: he is a knowing dog and keeps scru pulously clean for a tramp.

Oweny lived originaly in Albany, N. Y. Two years ago he came into the possession of a mail clerk and was taken on run on the New York Central.

That settled it. The fast run just suited him, and since then he has been on the go from one end of the United States to the other. He disdains coaches and Pullman sleepers and will ride in nothing but mail cars. There he is at home. His bed

UNDER THE COUNTER,

time is at the door with his paws is used, near the point of which two braced upon the sides, viewing the silk cords are fastened at right angles country. If the landscape suits, to each other. These cords connect Owney remains in this position for with the instrument, and, following hours. If it doesn't come up to his the motions of the pencil, regulate standard he turns in disgust and lies the current impulses which control down out of the way of the working the receiving pen at the distant sta-

the lunch of the boys on the car, or veniently arranged on a roll attached gets out at the first station and goes to the machine. A lever at the left to the lunch counter, where the best is so moved by the hand as to shift on hand is none too good, and with the paper forward mechanically at out a cent of expense at that.

something like 6,000 owners, who capillary glass tube placed at the take a lively interest in his welfare. junction of two aluminum arms. and Postmaste-General Bissell.

is that he has never been in a wreck, clearly shown, and there can be little troleum Company mured up among and therefore is looked upon by the doubt that at least as far as the boys in the service as a mascotte, human voice can be transmitted and the trains are thought to be safe over a telephone, the telautograph when he is on board.

> ily mounted with silver, upon which and white. Then, so long as there is inscribed "Owney, Albany, N. Y." is a receiving instrument, it makes proceed to St. Louis, and from there to Kansas City and direct to San Francisco. He will return to Chicago in time for the openig of the World's Fair, and if he can be induced to remain he will be placed on

Before Owney left Cincinnati he Rupert Schmid, the sculptor, of was presented with a solid silver med-San Francisco, has awarded the con- al upon which was enscribed:

CINCINNATI ENQUIRER,

display.

JOHN R. M'LANE. The medal was attached to his

callar. A Long-Handled Peu.

[From the Philadelphia Ledger.]

The telautograph is the name of an invention almost as wonderful as the be as useful as the telephone. Members of the press were invited

the offices, No. 80 Broadway, of the positive."

Gray National Telaughtograph Company, of which General T. M. Logan is president. All of those who inspect the telautograph went away satisfied that they had seen an invention which will rank, as a marvel, with the telegraph, the telephone, the cable, the electric light and the phonograph. Whether it will have as wide an application as the the telephone remains to be seen. This will depend largely upon the liability of the machines to get out of order, and upon whether the public, after a trial of both methods, would finaly decide that it is better to write than to speak their messages. The telaughtograph, however, is not necessarily a rival of the telephone. There is a large use for both machines. It would seem, however, to make the Morse alphabet useless. The talautograph is a writing telegraph. A man sits down at his desk in New York and writes a message to a friend in Philadelpnia. The latter receives the message in an fac simile of the handwriting of the sender. This operation requires no skilled labor. Anyone who can write can send a message, and, provided there is an electric wire connecting them and two transmitters and receivers, two persons can carry on a correpondence, though thousands of miles a part, and every stroke of the pen will be exactly and instantaneously reproduced over that distance. The structure of these instruments seem to be remarkably simple. In the tion. The writing is done on ordi-Owney is a dainty eater. He shares nary paper-five inches wide -- conthe transmitter and electrically at the Owney knows no master, but has receiver. The receiving pen is a

aimlessly into the kitchen and flung In the past two years he has probably This glass pen is supplied with ink traveled as many miles as any one which flows from a reservoir, through man in the country. Recently he a small rubber tube placed in one of journeyed to Washington and called these arms. The electrical impulses, on ex-Postmaster-General Wana- coming over the wire, move the maker, and it is expected that before pen of the receiver simultaneously long he will repeat the journey and with the movements of the pencil in make his bow to President Cleveland the hand of the sender. As the pen passes over the paper an ink tracing Owney might be called the great is left which is always a fac simile American traveler. He has done the of the sender's motions, whether in effect East and the wild and wooly the formation of letters, words, fig-West. He has shown up suddenly in ures, signs or sketches. It follows Frisco, and shortly after in Seattle, therefore, that every movement of Wash. New Orleans is a favorite the sender is produced by the receivplace, and so is Galveston and Ft. ing instrument, so it is just as easy Worth, Texas. Owney also likes to send a free-handed portrait or oth-Cincinnati, St. Louis and Chicago. er drawing by electricity as it is to He knows a railway mail clerk at a send the dots and dashes of the Morse glance, and will follow no one else. alphabet. While the transmission He can also pick out a mail wagon as was over a short distance, being between instruments placed in A peculiar feature about the dog adjoining rooms, the priciple was can be worked. Among the advanta-The last time Owney was in Cin- ges claimed for the telautograph is cinnati was about a year ago. At the fact that both sender and receiver that time he was covered with med- have records of every message and als. None are left, and what became reply. There can be no mistake. of them is not known. Owney, how- The sender cannot complain of erever, still wears his fancy collar heav- rors-there is his message in black Owney left Cincinnati the same no difference whether there is a reday over the Big Four for Chicago. ceiving person present or not. The He will remain there one day and message can be sent the same, and will be found by the receiver when he reaches his office, as if he had just got the communication through the mails. The telautograph works noiselessly and insures secret service, and the line cannot be so tapped as to steal a message. The telautograph is the invention of Professor Elisha exhibition with the United States Gray, already made famous by his other electrical inventions. It is easy to see to what wide uses the invention can be put, provided the machine can stand the test of hard practical and continuous work. It takes years of experience to make an expert telegraph operator, but this machine, which can be worked by a child, may dispense with the necessity of his services. It may be said to make the Western Union Telegraph Company independent of its thousands of skilled laborers. But, of course, all this depends on how the telautograph will stand the test of actual usage. Prof. Henry Morton, of Stevens Institute, who has examined the structure of the instruments, says that he found it to "be remarkably simple or devoid of com-

plication, and the mode of operation,"